

Harriet Allcock - Baden Powell Achiever

The Baden Powell challenge is the highest award you can achieve as a guide and is named after the founders of Guides and Scouts, Lord and Lady Baden Powell. It is split into 5 zones;

Healthy Lifestyles, Global Awareness, Discovery, Skills and Relationships and Celebrating Diversity.

Loads of Chocolate

From these topics you have to do 10 clauses and take part in a BP adventure weekend. My favourite challenge, which I did with my own guide unit, was the fair-trade evening. We ate a lot of chocolate but also learnt a lot, for example, that of \$3.6 *trillion* of goods exchanged globally, fair trade accounts for only 0.01%. On my own I also did badges like; *Communicator, World Traveller, Agility and Culture*. We had an extremely fun parachute-games evening with games like 'washing machine' and 'cat 'n' mouse' and a relaxation evening, including the making and wearing of facemasks, which was fun, if not particularly relaxing! We also did



exercises whilst blindfolded to see what it would be like to be blind. This not only raised our awareness but also led to development of trust between us. One of the real highlights was the adventure weekend

where I got to meet other guides from around the county - all working on the same award. We went on a night hike, with clues and chocolate, we made icing sheep, played games and laughed a lot!

More like Bridget Please!

Although it was very hard work, I really enjoyed it and it's just one of many fantastic opportunities I have had through Guides. The chance to take part in this award was all due to Bridget Walton our guide leader. She does an enormous amount for the Guiding Movement and took on Wychwood Guides to save it from closure.

We are really looking for new leaders to share that load and enjoy the fun. If you feel you could help us, we would really like to hear from you. We can be contacted on: 01993 702934.

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It's New! Join The Rotaract Club

The **Rotaract Club of West Oxon**, is being launched in West Oxfordshire to offer an opportunity for young people **aged 18 to 30** to be part of a fun, dynamic and unique international organisation. You will meet new friends and enjoy a wide range of social activities while helping the local community. The Rotary Clubs of Witney and Windrush Valley are jointly sponsoring the new club. An information evening is being held on **Thursday 7th June** at the **Witney Rugby Club 8:00pm**. If you are attending please contact

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